MERRY BAD END

SHORT STORIES COLLECTION

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DOLL

IN THIS TOWN,
THE WIND ONLY BLOWS WHEN SOMEONE DIES.
THAT'S WHAT MY GRANDMOTHER TOLD ME A LONG TIME AGO.
PLEASE NINGYO-SAN,
I BEG OF YOU, PLEASE SAY 'YES'
TN: ningyo sounds similar to ningyou = doll

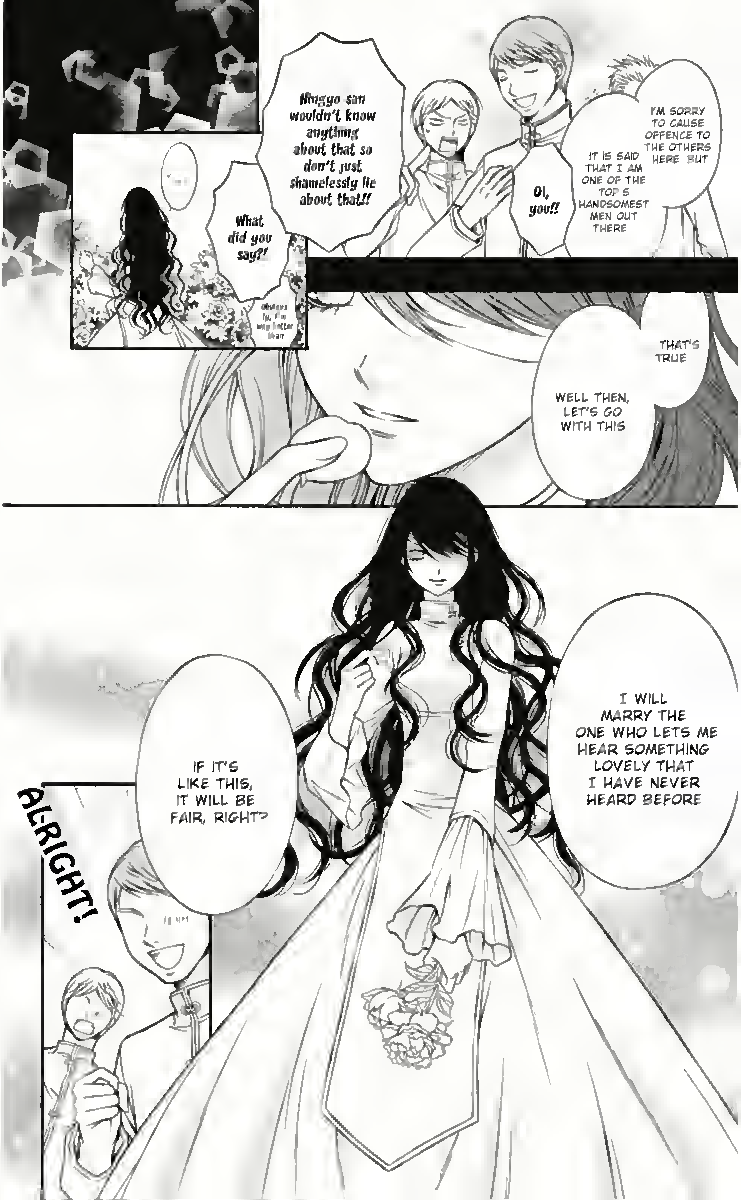
YOU HAVE MY HEARTFELT APOLOGIES
HOWEVER I HAVE NO INTEREST IN COURTING ANYONE
IT WOULD DEFINITELY CAUSE YOU TROUBLE...
THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD CAUSE ANY TROUBLE
WITH YOUR BEAUTY
YOUR BLIND EYES ARE NO TROUBLE AT ALL!

FU FU
QUITE WELL PLAYED
Ah
It's come again,
this smell.
ARE YOU THERE?
AH,
HE REALLY IS
HE'S HERE AGAIN!
HE REALLY DOESN'T KNOW HIS PLACE BUT,
HE'S BEEN CHARMED BY YOU
OI! YOU THERE!

YOU WANT TO ASK HER OUT RIGHT?
THEN WHY DON'T YOU COME HERE FOR A CHANGE!
AHAHAHA
HAHAHA
THE SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS FADING AWAY,
DUST AND OLD MACHINE OIL.
THE SMELL OF
IT'S DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT TO THE SCATTERED FRAGRANCE OF PERFUME, AND THE TINGING BOOT CLANGS OF THE MEN THAT CLING TO ME.
I WONDER WHAT KIND OF PERSON HE IS.

HOW ABOUT IT, NINGYO?
IS THERE ANYONE AMONG THE PROSPECTIVE ENGAGEMENT CANDIDATES WHO STRIKE YOUR FANCY?
WHAT?
HE'S JUST A USELESS BASTARD WHO CLINGS TO AN OUTDATED FAMILY TRADE
IT'S FINE IF YOU DON'T KNOW HIM
KNOWING HIM WOULD BE
I STILL HAVEN'T...
THEY ARE ALL SONS FROM RESPECTABLE FAMILIES
NO MATTER WHO I CHOOSE IT WILL BE SURE TO MAKE YOU HAPPY
YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING
YOU CAN JUST LEAVE EVERYTHING TO US

IT'S FINE IF I DON'T SEE THE DIRTY AND BITTER THINGS OF THIS WORLD.
CLICK
EVERYONE SAYS
SHUT
SINCE IT'S FINE FOR ME TO NOT SERVE ANY PURPOSE AT ALL
JUST TO SIT THERE AND BE PRETTY AND CUTE EVERYDAY IS ENOUGH.
Just like a doll
WELL TODAY WE AWAIT YOUR ANSWER
WHY IS IT I MUST ANSWER YOU ABOUT MY MARRIAGE?


I'M SORRY TO CAUSE OFFENCE TO THE OTHERS HERE BUT
IT IS SAID THAT I AM ONE OF THE TOP 5 HANDSOMEST MEN OUT THERE
Oi, you!!
Ahiggo san wouldn't know anything about that so don't just shamelessly lie about that!!
What did you say?!
Ahiggo is a shy little heart
THAT'S TRUE
WELL THEN, LET'S GO WITH THIS
I WILL MARRY THE ONE WHO LETS ME HEAR SOMETHING LOVELY THAT I HAVE NEVER HEARD BEFORE
IF IT'S LIKE THIS, IT WILL BE FAIR, RIGHT?
ALRIGHT!

I WILL SHOW YOU FASTER THAN ANYONE ELSE!
UNDERSTOOD!!
What pitiful people they are...
NINGYO-SAN!!
HERE ARE TICKETS TO THAT FAMOUS ORCHESTRA!
I RESERVED THE BEST SEATS FOR US...
IF IT'S THAT ORCHESTR YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT, I'VE BEEN THERE EVERY YEAR SINCE I WAS 13.
EVERY YEAR WE HAVE RESERVED SEATS

THE A NOTE YOU ARE PLAYING IS OUT OF TUNE.
CAN YOU NOT TUNE OR HEAR IT?
THIS IS THE INSTRUMENT THAT IS SAID TO BE ONE-OF-ITS-KIND IN THE WORLD!
AND NOW I WILL PERFORM.
DID YOU THINK YOU'D BE ABLE TO GET AWAY WITH COPYING IT?
IT'S A PIECE IN MINOR.
ZIMMERBELL SYMPHONY 3RD MOVEMENT
I HAVE COMPOSED A SONG FOR YOU
PLEASE LISTEN!
DEPRESSED...
TO SAY THAT THERE IS A SOUND I HAVE NOT HEARD,
NOTED INSTRUMENTALISTS AND RARE INSTRUMENTS WERE NOT RARE.
EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD, I WAS GIVEN EVERY POSSIBLE PIECE OF MUSIC CONSIDERED A MASTERPIECE TO LISTEN TO.
How pitiful.

Tomorrow's let's go to a music box store!!
I've left it somewhere
My player
OH,
THE WIND...
IS IMPOSSIBLE...
HM?
I DON'T THINK SO
REALLY NOW
WHAT A BAD FEELING HUH?
DID SOMEONE CLOSE BY DIE?

IT'S LIKE IT CAME TO SAY GOODBYE
What did you just say?!
No one cares about your opinion.
What did you come here for?!
UHH THIS IS...
!
This is Mingyo son's possession, is it not?!
Did you steal it?!
NO SHE FORGOT IT IN THE PLAZA
We know you're always watching her!
I'll take you to the police!
WAIT
STOP BEING SO VIOLE
CLATTER

I want you to leave me alone!
I CAN GET HOME BY MYSELF FROM HERE
BUT...
EH
I WILL BE RETURNING NOW
BUT-
HI-
NINGYO-U SAN...

WHERE ARE YOU...
SHOCK
It's that smell.
ARE YOU THERE?
PLEASE DON'T BE SCARED OF ME
I CAME HERE TO RETURN THIS TO YOU
...YOU FIXED IT...
FOR ME...?
THAT WAS REMODELLED TO DO JUNK BROADCASTING RIGHT?
WHICH IS WHY YOUR MOTHER AND THE OTHERS DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE IT TO YOU
IT'S SOMETHING PRECIOUS THAT CONNECTS YOU TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD, RIGHT?

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT DO YOU DO?
THANK YOU...
THEN I'LL BE GOING
Ah,
Wait!!
T/N Kingyo means goldfish but it sounds similar to ningyo which is probably why he called it
MY NAME
JUST CALL ME "KINGYO"
KINGYO ...?
NO ONE WILL TELL ME.
THEY SAY IT'S FINE IF I DON'T KNOW YOU.
BUT, I...
WHAT THEY SAY IS JUST.
I'M A HUMAN WHO IS NOT WORTH YOUR TIME.
WHICH IS WHY THE WIND HAS STOPPED BLOWING IN THIS TOWN.
NING YO?
ARE YOU TALKING TO SOME ONE?

HE REALLY IS
KINGYO.
JUST WATCHING ME FROM AFAR.
AT CERTAIN TIMES IN THE MORNING AND EVENING.
A MAN WITH MANY SCARS LEFT ON HIS HANDS.
WITHOUT WANTING TO DEMAND ANYTHING...
Is it fun for him ?
WELL THEN...
WILL YOU COME AGAIN?
YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE FOR THIS!
WELL THEN,
PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR ALWAYS WATCHING YOU FROM AFAR.

HE STILL HASN'T COME TODAY...
GRAB
PUSH
?!
STO...
WHEN YOU'RE BEING PUSHED DOWN, YOU'RE QUITE NAUGHTY, HUH?
DID YOU NOT NOTICE OUR SMELL?
PLEASE LOOK AT US WITH THOSE BEAUTIFUL EYES
UGH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
STOP IT!!
CHE

BOOM
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
I COULD SAY THE SAME ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
WERE YOU HIT?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! DO YOU HAVE ANY INJURIES?!
I'M FINE
SINCE THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME
THIS HAS HAPPENED TO ME..
WHEN I DIE
WILL I BLOW BY YOU?

I MEAN,
I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING.
NOT EVEN THE SKY, THE SEA, OR THE FLOWERS.
I CAN'T SEE A FUTURE FOR ME OR ANY HOPE.
SAYING THINGS LIKE
YOU'RE GOING TO DIE !?
BUT IT'S FINE!!
AT THIS RATE I'LL JUST BE A LIVING DOLL.
WITH NO MEANING IN LIFE...!!
NINGYO!
IF SOMEONE SHOWED YOU "SOUND" YOU'VE NEVER HEARD
YOU SAID YOU'D MARRY THAT PERSON RIGHT?

I UNDERSTAND.
BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO MARRY ME.
...
IF YOU THINK YOU CAN, JUST TRY.
DOES THAT ALSO APPLY TO ME?
IN EXCHANGE
YOU HAVE TO PROMISE ME
THAT YOU WON'T EVER SAY YOU WANT TO DIE EVER AGAIN

I'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING TO HEAR.
I PROMISE...
...You say that, but...
It's been a week and you haven't contacted me.
IN THE END, I JUST BECAME A BOTHER, HUH?

...A LETTER?
KNOCK KNOCK
MY LADY
THIS IS...
WHAT IS IT?
DEAR NINGYO -SAMA,
ARE YOU WELL?
I HAVE FINISHED PREPARING IT FOR YOU.
IT TOOK A BIT OF TIME, BUT

TO ME, WHO ISN'T PROTECTED BY A FAMILY BUSINESS AND WHO HAS LOST HIS FAMILY.
YOU WERE MY ONLY LIGHT.
IN ORDER TO GAIN DAILY PAYMENTS, I WENT TO THE HILLY ROAD BY THE FACTORY WHERE I FOUND YOU.
WHAT I REALLY WANT TO TELL YOU IS,
I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN YOU.
I WILL BE WAITING FOR YOU AT MY HOME.
THIS TIME, I WILL
RETURN TO YOU THIS HOPE.
I HAVE ENCLOSED A MAP.
WELL THEN, AT TOMORROW 4PM.
PLEASE GIVE IT TO YOUR DRIVER.
THANK YOU. I'LL BE FINE FROM HERE

if I go forward here,
as if it was indicating the route,
obstacles have been lined up.
...KINGYO?
OPENS
Where is he
Ah
A window
The end of this route?
Will it be enough for me to just wait here...
GOOOONG
GOOOONG
The bell for 4pm but...

GOOOO
HURRY UP AND COME.
HURRY...

LET ME
SHOW
YOU.

THE
BRIGHT
SIDE
OF THIS
WORLD.

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Blind Doll
I've been asked
"What's Kingyo-san's real name??"
It was fun writing this kind of Western, Japanese and Chinese mixture styled fantasy. I'd like to do it again~ When I started writing MOMO, I actually already had the plot. By the way, the age setting I was thinking of was:
Ningyo-san --> 18-19
Kingyo-san --> 24-25
I was thinking "maybe they're a bit too old?".

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SENPAI...! PLEASE RELEASE THE NEXT CHAPTER!
NOPE. THERE'S WAY TOO MUCH FOR ME TO DO.
If we had more staff maybe.
UWAA
AAAH!
But I want to read manga!!
WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF YOUR STAFF...?
THEY'RE EVEN WORSE OFF THAN I AM.
See?
Staff
Senpai -
We're dying.
There's too much work...
We need more people...
Help us ...
DOES THAT MEAN YOU MIGHT STOP SCANLATING MY FAVOURITE MANGA?
NOOOO!!
QUICK, WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?!!
IT'S SIMPLE.
JUST GO TO OUR WEBSITE AND JOIN SENPAI SCANS AND YOU'LL EVEN GET FREE BISHIES LIKE ME..

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